



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

vs. )

JAMES SMITH, JR.; CARL RYE; BRYON RYE; )  
CHRISTOPHER DAUGHERTY; )  
STEVEN MERLO )

CR. NO: 3:17-640-MGL

REVISED SCHEDULING NOTICE

**PRETRIAL CONFERENCE:** A pretrial conference January 31, 2019 at 2:00 pm before the Honorable Mary Geiger Lewis in courtroom #2 in the Matthew J. Perry Courthouse, Columbia, South Carolina. The defendant and his/her attorney must attend the conference. **NOTE: Plea Agreements MUST be filed with the Court no later than two (2) business days prior to a scheduled pretrial conference or plea hearing. If a plea Agreement has been reached, the Change of Plea hearing will be held at this time.**

**JURY SELECTION AND TRIAL:** A jury will be selected for the trial of this case on February 6, 2019 at 9:30 am in courtroom #2, Matthew J. Perry Courthouse, Columbia, South Carolina. The defendant and his/her attorney must be present for the entire jury selection process. The trial judge will be the Honorable Mary G. Lewis. The date for the trial of this case will be announced on the date the jury is selected.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Motions to Continue filed before a scheduled pretrial conference shall state a reason under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B) why a continuance is requested as well as the signature of the defendant waiving his rights to a speedy trial and the consent of the Assistant U.S. Attorney. In cases where there are multiple defendants, this Court will not consider granting a continuance before the pretrial conference unless there are Motions for Continuance from all defendants in the case. Counsel should contact each other regarding obtaining the necessary signatures.

Pursuant to the Local Rules of this court, counsel must submit any proposed voir dire questions and special jury instructions to the court (with a copy being sent to opposing counsel) at least two (2) business days prior to jury selection. Strikes for cause are to be submitted two (2) business days prior to jury selection. If such requests are not made by the deadline, counsel shall have waived the right to submit them.

All parties are advised that the jury clerk will send each juror a written questionnaire to be completed and returned prior to jury selection. Copies of these questionnaire responses will be available for purchase at **Copy Pickup, Inc. 2733 Millwood Avenue, Columbia, SC 29205-1262, phone number (803-799-2679); fax number (803-252-2431) and email: copypickup@copypickup.com** beginning seven (7) days prior to jury selection; a Juror Questionnaire Request Form may be accessed on the web at [www.scd.uscourts.gov/docs.htm](http://www.scd.uscourts.gov/docs.htm). The originals of the questionnaire responses will be available for inspection in the clerk's office during the same time period. The questionnaires ask many of the same questions that are traditionally asked of the jurors during *voir dire* at jury selection. All parties are responsible for obtaining copies of the questionnaire responses. The questions on the juror questionnaires will not be repeated in the courtroom during jury selection.

ROBIN L. BLUME, CLERK

Date: November 29, 2018

s/ Mary E. Deal, Deputy Clerk